

Public employees out in the cold

by Mike Gordon

Teachers and support staff in Québec's 49 CEGEPS are threatening to go out on strike unless the provincial government and the province's three major trade unions reach an agreement by the end of the year.

"Negotiations have been going on for eleven months in a very unsatisfactory way," said Monique Simard, Confédération des Syndicats Nationale (CSN) president. "We are going to have to use harder measures to get a collective agreement before the end of 1986."

The CSN is the largest trade union in Quebec, with 730 local unions, 42 CEGEPS and 125,000 members.

Representatives from the CSN, the Fédération des Travailleurs du Québec (FTQ) and the Centrale

de l'Enseignement du Québec (CEQ) have been negotiating with the Québec government since December 31, 1985 when their last collective agreement was terminated.

The three unions are not part of a 'common front,' but they share the same goal at the bargaining tables.

"What we all have in common (is we want) salary increases," said John Longo, president of the Syndicats des Soutiens du Dawson College, one of CEQ's nine CEGEP affiliates. "The government has promised us an increase of 3.5 per cent for the first year but the second and third years are 'non-negotiable'. They won't tell us anything. That's across the board — health workers, education sectors, etc." he said.

Public education workers include clerical, maintenance and technical staff. Longo says they

haven't had a substantial raise for three years.

"We are asking for an eight per cent increase for the first year because the government cut teaching and support staff salaries by almost 20 per cent, said Longo.

"The result is that people were making two to three per cent more three years ago, meanwhile inflation has gone up 15 per cent. Basically you could say salaries have been frozen for the past three years," he said.

In 1983 Bill 37 allowed an increase in the first year but not in the second two years. It also attempted to substitute local negotiations for provincial negotiations.

"It makes it more difficult for teachers to provide a quality education," he said, referring to the rise in student/teacher ratios.

Michael Poirer, a negotiator with the Fédération des enseignants du Québec (FNEQ), a CSN affiliate, agrees: "Workload is a big problem. Professors become inundated and overworked. The climate has seriously deteriorated — that's our biggest point."

Poirer said one effect is increased seniority for substitute teachers. He also said that adult education has suffered and "entire departments have been cut."

"Teachers are being paid by the hour, and being used as cheap labour," he added.

Many of the CEQ's 90,000 members went out on strike in 1983, but were legislated back to work less than a month later when the government passed Bill 111. The bill imposed heavy fines and restrictions on unions and their members for striking, including a three-year ban on legal strikes and loss of seniority.

On November 13, 1986, the Bourassa government passed Bill 160 in an attempt to block a province-wide hospital strike. It bans strikes for three years and permits fines up to \$100,000 per day for unions, \$10,000 for union leaders, and \$100 for members.

"Legislation puts an end to the collective bargaining process. You may see teachers out in the streets protesting — even if it's illegal," said Muszynski.

"So far we are in a legal posi-

tion to strike," he said. "But you never know. We are in the unique position of the government being our employer, the negotiator and legislator. They make up the rules of the game and can change them at their will," he said.

Simard said CSN health care workers would strike regardless of Bill 160. CEQ Vice President Gerard Guaren said "the (teaching and support staff) have not given us a clear mandate, so there won't be any strike at the moment."

Guaren said the CEQ will continue with the negotiations and may take part in demonstrations with the CSN and FTQ.

"We are trying to negotiate in good faith, but if this doesn't work we're obliged to apply pressure tactics," said Poirer. "A strike is the last resort. It's very cold in December and January. Striking isn't exactly pleasurable."

Both Poirer and Simard say the unions are discussing the possibility of a general strike. "If they refuse to come around, it's a distinct possibility," said Poirer.



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Job centres on the block

by Stephanie Lachowicz

Finance Minister Michael Wilson thinks, "It's not up to the government to create jobs." Nor to help students find them, it seems.

In order to reduce the national deficit, the Federal government has cut funds allocated to Campus Employment Centres (CEC's). Originally, the government had threatened to eliminate all CEC's, but because of student protest, their budgets were only reduced.

In April, three of the government personnel at McGill's CEC were laid off. The university responded by proposing that three "relocated" university staff members be allocated to the CEC for a trial period of six months.

But the administration has said it will fire the three people at the end of this period.

At the CCSS meeting on October 15, representatives of student organizations were asked to canvas their constituencies for opinions on a fee increase which would fund the 3 CEC positions.

On Wednesday, this fee increase was tentatively passed by CCSS. It will go to the Senate and Board of Governors for final approval.

Paul Pickersgill, President of Students' Society, said that "proponents of the increase at the meeting were of the idea that this is a valuable service."

He said that MacDonald College, Science, and Management student organizations were in favour of the increase. The faculties of Law and Education and the Post Graduate Students' Society (PGSS) opposed the increase.

The question of whether or not students will foot the bill for the service will go to referendum in March.

Daron Westman, President of PGSS, saw the increase as "a user fee. This service (the CEC) should be paid for by the government."

The CEC is a job placement organization used mostly by undergraduate students to find summer jobs. According to Westman, only 156 graduate students use the CEC (as compared to over 1000 undergraduate users), "because their job hunting needs are different."

While McGill has had a high success rate of job placement, Westman said, "If this service were eliminated, students would still find jobs."

Westman added, "even if the government returns to previous funding levels (for the CEC), McGill won't get its old funding level back, because we are already doing without the government's money. Basically, the government doesn't think we need employment centres."

by Marian MacNair and Joe Heath

"This isn't a populist cause that's going to sweep the country — depiction of anal intercourse isn't high on the agenda of many politicians," said Burnaby MP Svend Robinson last Friday at McGill.

Speaking as part of a panel on censorship of pornography by Canadian customs, Robinson described how customs officials have a mandate to seize any "books and printed material deemed to be obscene under the criminal code," which specifically bars the portrayal of buggery.

"Why simply buggery?" Robinson asked. "They (government officials) say heterosexual or homosexual publications would be illegal if they portray buggery — it shows how much they know about these publications."

Another panel member, Lawrence Boyle of Montréal's Androgyny bookstore cited specific difficulties in dealing with customs officials, "(the law) is in the hands of people who are unqualified... A customs officer has the right to refuse anything."

Boyle pointed out that safe sex information had been censored from *Blue Boy* magazine by customs officials. "Any reference to anal intercourse, including how to save our lives is considered obscene,"

Robinson added, "I don't think anything will change before we change the nature of obscenity in the criminal code," he said.

Asked whether we supported direct action and civil disobedience as a means of changing the law, he replied, "There is a point at which civil disobedience is an alternative which people of cons-

cience and strong will turn to. I myself engaged in it a year ago. Whether in these circumstances it is justified I'm not sure.

"The fact that I don't agree with it as an individual doesn't mean I would condemn someone who does," he said.

Writer Eileen Manion discussed the censorship issue within the feminist community. "In my most paranoid moments, I think por-

nography was conceived by an anti-feminist to divide feminists against each other."

"The anti-pornography feminist orthodoxy seems to me to be wrong," she said. "(Women) have a right to be concerned, but have gone in the wrong direction."

"Rather than censorship, examine the relation of sex to other social forces. Sex is used to sell toothpaste," she said.



Burnaby B.C. MP Svend Robinson at McGill

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No merry Christmas in South Africa

by J. Peter Nixon

"December 16th through 20th is going to be the 'Christmas against the Emergency' in South Africa," said Yusuf Saloojee, head of the Canadian mission of the African National Congress (ANC), to a small crowd of 75 at McGill last Wednesday.

According to Saloojee, the ANC is calling for complete na-

tional consumer boycott, as proposed by several women's groups, to protest the current state of emergency.

"Before December 16th people will stock up on necessary items but after the 16th no one is going to buy anything, no gifts, no parties, no liquor, no cigarettes, no anything," he said.

"The only way the government can stop this is to go to each in-

dividual house and say 'I'm going to force you to celebrate Christmas' — it's impossible."

Saloojee also discussed the flight of several large corporations from the country. Last week, Eastman Kodak and Bata Shoes ceased operations in South Africa.

"A few years ago, the return on investments in South Africa was 30 per cent — the highest in the

world. In 1984 it dropped to seven per cent or less."

"These companies are not leaving for moral reasons, they've been here 40 or 50 years. But why should they stay when a bank in New York can give them a higher return than that?"

According to Saloojee, support for the ANC's goal of a non-racial, united democratic state is increasing across the board,

especially among whites, youth and students. "In 1984, 700 youth who were conscripted into the army did not show up. In 1985, 7,000 of the people who were conscripted did not show up."

"The struggle is very much alive. The student resistance is at its highest level...COSATU (the Congress of South African Trade Unions) is stronger than ever."

Saloojee attributed the low turnout at McGill to the news blackout in South Africa, created by the state of emergency June 12. "There has been a total moratorium on news coming out of the country," he said.

Saloojee chronicled recent developments in ANC strategy: "In January 1985 we...decided to tell the people to make Apartheid unworkable and the country ungovernable. Some people have a problem with that word 'ungovernable'. I can't see why. It is not a government that represents us, on the contrary, it is a government that works against our interests. We are treated like children by a white government that determines everything for us."

"In the beginning of 1986 we began to move from ungovernability to People's Power, and now there are rudimentary forms of People's Power in existence, the street and neighbourhood councils, and so on."

Saloojee was questioned about the internal politics of the ANC.

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McGill's colourful condoms

by Chris Lawson

Eight thousand condoms of various colours will be given away to McGill students this week, including one condom fill-

ed with jelly beans (also of various colours).

McGill Health Services is organizing the give-away as part of an effort to inform students

about sexually transmitted diseases and how to avoid them.

Dr. Pierre Tellier, Medical Director of Health Services said Health Services is giving away the condoms, "because they are the best known way of preventing the spread of sexually transmitted diseases."

There are an estimated 15,000 to 40,000 cases of gonorrhea in Montréal, according to Tellier, primarily in the college age group.

Recent efforts to introduce condom vending machines into CEGEP washrooms have met with strong opposition from parents and other groups.

Those opposed have said the condoms will condone or encourage sexual promiscuity amongst students.

But according to Tellier, "sexual activity goes on irrespective of whether or not contraception is made available. In this case, giving away condoms we'll help prevent the spread of STDs."

Tellier said the McGill scheme hasn't met any opposition.

"We've gotten a positive response from most people," he said. "Mind you there hasn't been a lot of publicity."

This is a new approach to public awareness of STDs," says Tellier. "There was an attempt to do something last year, but it is a very difficult thing to get people interested in."

Health Services will be giving away condoms and information today in the Union Building from 12h00 to 14h00, Tuesday in the Leacock building, Wednesday in the McConnell Engineering building and Thursday at Royal Victoria College.

The presentation will feature a contest. Students will attempt to guess the number of jelly beans in a condom. The person who comes closest will win theatre tickets or concert tickets from CHOM.

Gert's man fired

by Howard D. Kerhel

A managerial change occurred last week at Gertrude's Pub when manager Bill Barlow was fired.

Barlow was hired on a standard 60 day probationary period by Ralph Walter, head of CVC, the company that runs Gerts, The Alley and the Union and other cafeterias on campus, through a process which includes input and recommendations from both Students' Society and the CVC.

"His job was to increase the performance and promotion of Gert's and the Alley," said Walter, "but after 60 days, we were not entirely pleased with his

work performance. Instead of giving him a permanent position, we gave him a 30 day probationary extension, to see if his performance would improve."

"He was not attending to his duties properly," said Walter. "Cash deposits were left unattended and floats were put in places where they didn't belong."

"We also noticed that inventory was low...the organization of the clean-up was poor and the Pub was not suitably clean for the next day's business," he said.

One employee said that she knew of Barlow forgetting to properly deposit the cash on two different occasions and having to "take the money home with him at night." She stressed that he returned the cash the following morning.

Some Gertrude's and Alley employees felt that Barlow's personality hurt his ability to deal with his staff. One waitress said, "I suggested things to him that had worked in the past and he didn't even consider them."

Since Barlow's firing, Doug Hylton has been given a 60 day trial period.

"Hylton is familiar with the way the McGill social system works. It is hoped that this and his age, closer to that of the student body than Barlow's, will enable Doug to relate better to the students than Barlow did," said Walter.

Hylton will be evaluated throughout his probationary period and after the 60 days, a decision will be announced.

Canada's Chernobyl

Vancouver (CUP) — An aging nuclear reactor 300 kilometres south of the B.C. border at Hanford, Washington could become the world's next Chernobyl, according to a Portland activist.

"The reactor is 23 years old and the graphite core is warped and aging," says Joanne Oleksiak, director of the Hanford Clearinghouse.

"It has valves that are so worn away that they look like rusted out scrap metal," she said, adding that fuel failures have forced the plant to shut down six times since January.

Experts at a May 19 federal hearing in Portland criticized both the reactor's graphite core and metallic uranium fuel as making the plant potentially more dangerous than its Soviet counterpart.

The plant's confinement structure is designed to withstand pressure of only five pounds per square inch, while the Chernobyl facility was made to withstand more than 25, and American commercial reactors commonly call for 60.

An additional strain on the reactor, said Oleksiak, was its modification in 1980 to produce nuclear weapons grade plutonium.

Vancouver (CUP) — The student council of the University of British Columbia has voted against a boycott of South African-linked products.

The motion to stop selling Carling O'Keefe and Rothmans products, which required a two-thirds majority to pass, was defeated 23-13 at a meeting November 5.

Council president Simon Seshadri said the proposed

boycott was beyond the mandate of student government, even though other Canadian student unions, including those at Simon Fraser, McGill, and Concordia universities and the universities of Victoria, Alberta and Ottawa have already banned the sale of South Africa-linked products.

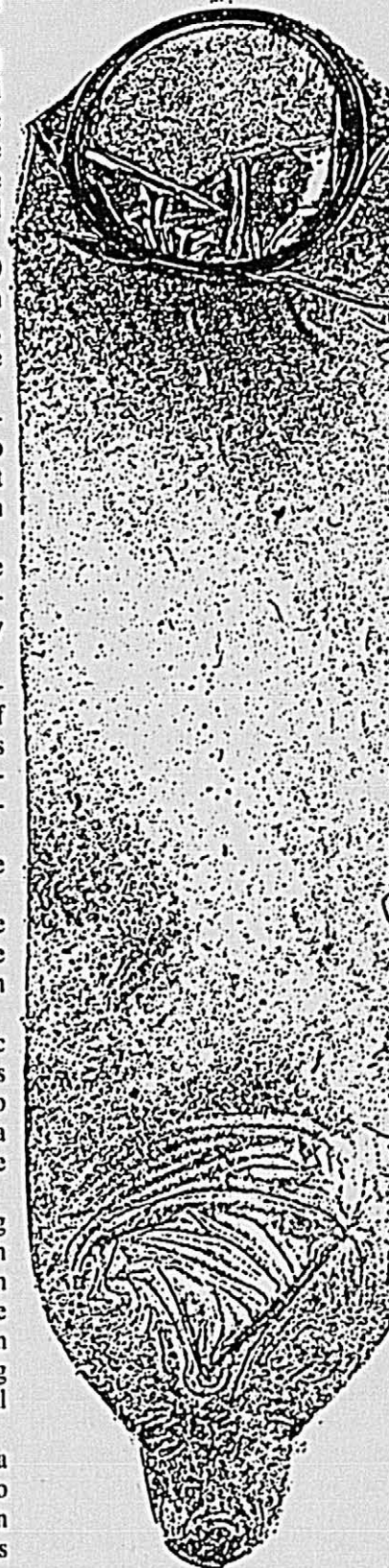
At the same meeting, council passed a motion condemning Apartheid, then tabled a decision

to send \$500 in aid to South Africa.

Michael Moeti, a member of Students for a Free South Africa, commented, "What is \$500 going to do when you prop up a company (like Carling)? It's an insult to the oppressed in South Africa."

Currently sale of Carling products in the council-run pubs accounts for \$270,000 annually, or 30 per cent of all bar revenue.

UBC boycotts Apartheid



Student paper in limbo

Thunder Bay (CUP) — A student council committee at Lakehead University has suspended publication and fired the staff of the student newspaper, *The Argus*.

Argus editor John King said he returned to classes Nov. 10 to find the office door padlocked, and received a note from the council's Judicial Committee explaining that the three-member committee would appoint a board to hire a new staff.

But council president Wayne Ivey said the committee had no jurisdiction to take such action, and that "no one was consulted" by the before the shutdown.

Much of the dispute arose from a September 18 *Argus* article about a fight that took place in the council-managed pub. Councilors had asked King not to publish the article.

As well, student councillor Shelley Ludquist, the chief justice of the Judicial Committee, was an unsuccessful candidate in last spring's *Argus* editorial board elections.

King said the five students chosen by the Judicial Committee to hire the new *Argus* staff were "hand-picked and have demonstrated a bias" against the old staff.

comment



Less than sympathetic

Thousands of workers at nine McGill-affiliated hospitals are currently trying to negotiate with the Québec government.

They have good company. Québec's three major trade unions (CSN, FTQ, CEQ), have been negotiating with the provincial government on behalf of 350,000 public sector workers for the past 11 months.

Yet prospects are bleak. Already dismal labour relations in Canada and Québec have deteriorated with increasing public acceptance of government imposed 'solutions'.

Over the past 20 years, the number of strikes and lockouts in Canada has nearly tripled. And in 1984, the last year statistics were available, more than 45 per cent of them were in Québec.

In that same year, over one million person-days of work — the equivalent of one day out of five — were wasted due to strikes and lockouts in Québec alone. While state-imposed solutions have ended disputes, they also strip workers of their right to a fair settlement.

In 1983, the Parti Québécois' Bill 111 legislated a 20 per cent salary roll-back in public education while increasing workloads. Earlier this year the Liberals banned strikes in the construction industry for the next three years. Heavy fines to unions, union leaders and a loss of seniority have insured compliance for the moment.

Bill 160, passed by the Liberals this month, continues in this vein. Though the unions were already obliged to maintain essential services during strike actions, strikes by hospital workers have now been made illegal. Fines of up to \$100,000 for

unions, \$25,000 for union leaders and \$100 for members *each day* have been coupled with the threat of loss of seniority, and the extension of scab privileges to management.

The public has supported this legislation. In the name of public interest, we've happily imposed conditions on public employees which are worthy only of dictatorships. Recently, the International Labour Organization listed Canada as the country with the worst labour record in the world.

In the case of the Manoir Richelieu, in Pointe-au-Pic, the Québec government worked hand-in-hand with private investors, allowing them to destroy the union after the hotel was privatized. Facing the resistance of these workers, Québec police protected scabs and arrested the former workers — one of whom, Jean Grenier, died at their hands.

The verdict is not yet in on Grenier. The first rushed police autopsy said he choked on his own vomit. According to the second autopsy, he died from a blow to the head. A third autopsy is now underway.

Policy on labour relations seems due for a review, perhaps an autopsy. In Québec, so many sectors of the work force have been given the squeeze that authoritarian labour policy is becoming an issue once again.

In the meantime, don't be surprised if the nurse is less than sympathetic to your long wait. After all, you probably supported the government which cutback hospital funding and decreed that wages shouldn't rise in this, her eleventh hour.

Brendan Weston
Joe Heath

Mike Gordon

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Black Students' Voice

Is it a radical group...is it an exclusively Black organization...or is it simply a social club? Many students have these and other questions regarding the ideals and aspirations of the Black Students Network.

The BSN essentially seeks to promote awareness about Blacks through co-operative action both on and off campus. In order to achieve this objective, the group has initiated projects, promoted events and supported relevant issues.

Since its inception, the BSN has proceeded with a number of ongoing projects. Last year, the organization engaged in a project with *the Daily* resulting in the first Black History Month Supplement publication in McGill University. Preparations are already underway for this year's supplement.

The BSN has been actively involved off campus also. In order to promote communication with the Montréal community, the BSN has used the television *Black Is* as a medium to speak on topics that interested its members. Involvement in helping with the tutorial services offered by the Negro Community Center has also provided a constructive means to promote awareness if the BSN outside of the McGill community.

In addition, the BSN has promoted and participated in quite a number of events. During Black History Month, and exhibition of literature and artworks was displayed. Various speakers were invited to speak to BSN members on topics focussing on Blacks. In association with the South African Committee, a highly successful fund-raising dance for SoMaFCo was staged last year. BSN members were also involved in the background preparations for Bishop Tutu's visit to Montréal last summer.

Since September, a number of events and outings have been undertaken by BSN members. A fund-raising dance was held in October. Members were involved in the

organizing of the press conference for Dennis Goldberg and also in promoting the IDAFSA book display. The Cultural Issues Committee of the BSN arranged for members to attend plays (*Asinimali, Don't Bother Me I Can't Cope*) at substantial discounts. Outings to movies of particular interest were also organized (*She's Gotta Have It, Sitting In Limbo*). Future events planned are a Motown theme dance, Black History Month events, Fiesta Week, speakers, and a party to initiate contact with other Black Student organizations in the Montréal community.

Besides embarking on projects and promoting events, the BSN has also taken an official stance on various issues. The decisions to support and re-affirm divestment were endorsed by the organization. BSN displeasure and outrage was made public over the PSSA suggestion of inviting Glenn Babb, the South African "ambassador", to speak on campus. This year the successful WUSC refugee referendum received the BSN's endorsement as did the unsuccessful *Daily* fee increase issue. Currently, allegations of discrimination are being investigated which may be of concern to the general McGill community.

The BSN is a multi-faceted organization that tries to promote a variety of issues, ideas and concerns that all pertain to Blacks in some manner. In many ways, it tries to be more than a single issue of uni-functional group. Thus the BSN seeks to provide items and topics to satisfy the diverse interests of its members. It is not an exclusive club by any means. As a Black student whatever your interests are, there must be some place for you in the BSN. Satisfy your curiosity and allay your suspicions. Come to our meeting Wednesday October 25 in Union 425-426 at 16h45, drop by the office - Union 404 or call 392-8941.

These are the ways you will find out what the BSN is really all about.

letters

Frat speak

To the Daily

We are happy to state that your fraternity representatives last Monday night brought forward an appropriate apology for your party poster: "Expect the Unexpected". This letter is in order to confirm our agreement concerning the said poster.

On Monday November third we agreed that the said poster was pornography and it was wrong to publish obscenity. Although our interpretations regarding the said poster differed, we accepted your apology that you as a fraternity acknowledge the wrongness in publishing pornography, and therefore apologize for this said action.

Thank you for your co-operation and tact,
Kappa Kappa Gamma Fraternity

A challenge

To the Daily

As lack of time precludes my ability to continue this pro-feminist letter-writing campaign, I shall have to resort to challenging my opponents to a public duel. The choice of weapon... words in a

debate. Greg Laws and Paul Nathanson, I bid you to contact the McGill Debating Union to make arrangements. I await your response.

P.S. A thousand thank yous, Andrea.

Suzanne Mehmet
PoliSci U3

Touring in LaLa Land

To the Daily

Dear Paul, having a marvelous time here in Ideology Land, wish you were here. Been spending most of my days here by the pool of "moralistic reductionism of (ideological) feminism". Dipping into those cool waters is really improving my unsubstantiated speculations, but sometimes I really wonder if I'm a goner — having "succumbed to anti-intellectualism" seems so final somehow...

Oh well, the weather is great, a little polarized, but that's to be expected I suppose.

Lots of simpatico people here — smug, facile, self-defeating, unwittingly exacerbative, a few morally offensive ones — in all, a good crowd.

Won't be writing again: here in Ideology Land dialogue can get called "simply hurling abuse".

Well, it's Intellectual Narrowness Night at the bar, gotta run.

Emotionally hysterical always.

Andrea Mordecai
Arts U3

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The unknown role of Paul Robeson

by Justin Richardson

Few people have heard of Paul Robeson. Yet Robeson was perhaps the most proclaimed black American actor, athlete and political figure of his time. And he was a communist.

Professor Martin Duberman, of New York University, lectured on *Paul Robeson and the American Left*, the subject of his up-coming book, to an audience of over 200 at Concordia November 14.

Robeson was born in the segregated town of Princeton, New Jersey in 1898. He went to Rutgers University, as Princeton did not accept blacks. He excelled at football, despite the initial opposition from his predominantly white, southern team-mates, and was chosen for the all-American team in two years. Before graduating, he received 14 varsity letters.

Eugene O'Neil's *All God's Chillun Got Wings*. By his second performance, one critic proclaimed him as "one of America's finest actors." To many others, Robeson represented the first black actor to reach beyond the stereotype and portray black in a more natural light. In one article about his performance in *The Emperor Jones* a critic said "Shakespeare...thought of Othello as a negroid type... one can imagine that Shakespeare must have thought of Robeson."

He also became distinguished himself singing spirituals, participating in one of the first concerts dedicated to "all-negro" music, and touring the U.S.

In 1925, Robeson went to England to perform *Emperor Jones*, and came into contact with leftist Emma Goldman, in exile from the U.S. Robeson soon realized that none of the racism

Klan. He persevered despite the party's failure to gather even one million votes.

In 1948 Congress passed the Monton-Nixon bill, requiring that all communists and communist fronts register themselves with the government. This bill, which became the McCarran Act in 1950, Duberman described as "the official rationale for 'proceeding against subversives'."

Robeson, an artist and now a household name, was considered a subversive for openly professing communism and was declared a threat to national security. When brought before the Senate Judiciary Committee, he was asked if he believed communism was a better system of government. His somewhat arrogant response marked the turn in his status from an idolized figure to a hunted man: "There are many ways to enlighten the world, socialist systems, communist systems, and our so-called private enterprise system. We should be able not to think that we have got to wipe something else off the earth." He called the Monton-Nixon Bill part of a hysteria that would "encourage Americans to sacrifice their civil liberties in the name of a needless holy crusade against communism."

The persecution was immediate. By 1950, according to Professor Duberman, harassment of the most extreme sort had begun. "Not only was he tracked daily by F.B.I. agents, but his phone was tapped, his mail intercepted, false articles were planted in the press, one of them under his by-line." Finally, the pressure of living under constant surveillance became unbearable and he sought psychiatric treatment in England in 1954.

But anti-communist hysteria reached him even in Europe. Duberman speculated that "the C.I.A. had played a direct hand, in cooperation with various doctors in neutralizing him." Robeson mysteriously underwent two years of electric shock therapy in a series of 55 treatments to cure a mental and physical breakdown. In addition, Robeson was victim of suspicious accidents throughout this period. For example, said Duberman, the tires fell off his car "with rather more frequency than allows us to believe that this was simple coincidence."

In many ways, it is a shame to see the life of such a man fade out of history. Robeson was a man as relentlessly dedicated to black civil rights as Martin Luther King and yet he has disappeared completely from western awareness. He could serve as a great role model today, were he better known.

With the new awareness Duberman's book may create, however, Robeson may yet play this role.

which he had encountered in the the deep south was present in Europe. Where he was once segregated into black communities, and treated as a member of a "inferior race", he was now not only an equal, but held in great esteem. He decided to stay in England.

Robeson was forced to return to the United States in 1939, when war broke out in Europe. Inspired by the equality he had seen in Europe to America, he became a firm adherent to communism and the progressive movement which for him stood for "complete equality for the negro people." He toured the Southern States campaigning for the Communist Party with mafia body guards to protect him from the Klu Klux



His academic career proved to be as noteworthy as his athletic ability. Throughout his four years, he kept a 95 average and became a member of Phi Beta Kappa his junior year, an honour which most of his classmates would never receive, even by their senior year.

In 1923 he graduated from Columbia's Law School, and in 1924, he accepted a job from a prestigious firm in New York. But he found it impossible to work in an environment where the majority of the clerks "objected to the presence of so conspicuous a negro in the office." Finally he felt unable to continue when his own secretary told him, "I do not take dictation from a nigger."

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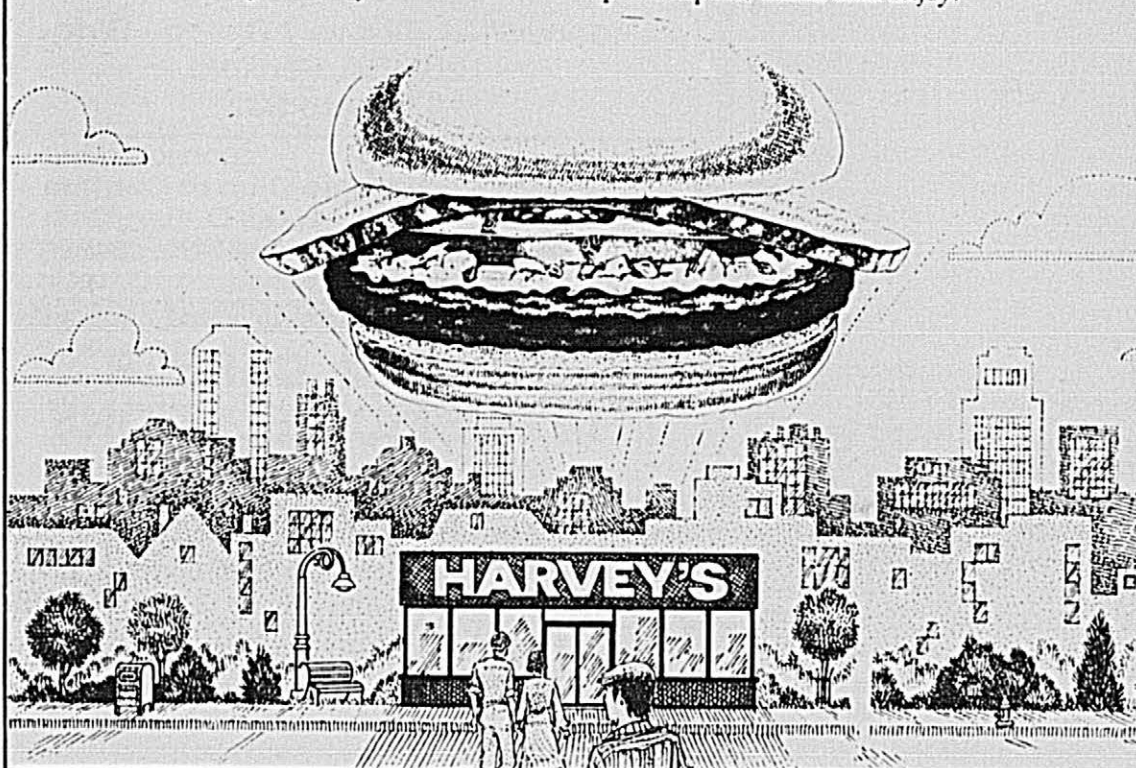
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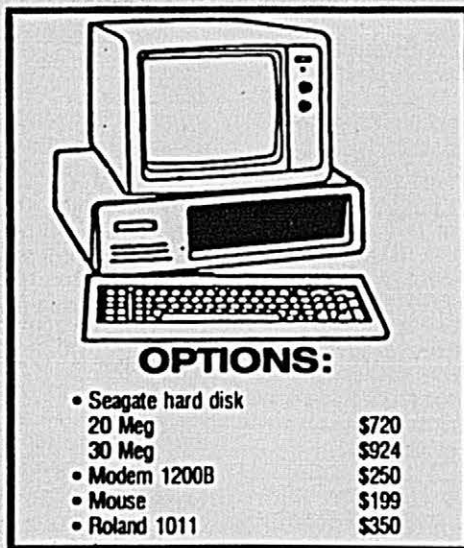
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